The Cascades - single





1248 The Cascades *Flying on the ground/ Main Street* *Smash S 2101 (US)* *06.1967*

No piano on 1 (written by Neil Young), but piano intro on 2.
Arr. by Jack Nitzsche who recalls that Neil Young played guitar on his own song.
Produced by Andy di Martino.

Cascades was a vocal/pop band from San Diego, CA, notable for a classic early 1960's Top 3 hit, "Rhythm of the Rain”.

From Lead-singer John Gummoe’s homepage:
Gummoe: In 1962, Gummoe, (in 1967 replaced by Gabe Lapano) along with band mates Dave Wilson, Eddie Snyder, Dave Stevens and Dave Zabo ("everyone in the group sang") hooked up with a San Diego based guitar teacher with Hollywood connections – Andy Di Martino. Di Martino became the manager and took their demos to Barry DeVorzon's Valiant label, a Warner Bros.' subsidiary (and later the home of the Association).

"Out of the stuff that was on the demo tape, DeVorzon liked 'Rain' and 'There's A Reason'." Valiant offered the group a deal and they changed their name to the Cascades. "The name was taken from a popular dishwashing detergent at the time." "The entire first album was done at Gold Star Studios in Hollywood with studio musicians known as 'The Wrecking Crew', but we did all the singing. Hal Blaine and Glen Campbell played on those sessions. Phil Spector happened to be recording at Gold Star at that time and I remember him asking us if we were recording a demo for Rick Nelson." For music history buffs, the Cascade's second most famous musical mark came that same year. "Neil Young and Jack Nitzsche came into the studio one day (pre-Buffalo Springfield) with the Young song 'Flying On The Ground' and as I recall they had already cut the tracks. I love this record (and also the flip side ‘Main Street’). Luckily, it was a good key for Gabe." Unluckily, the label never got behind this should have been a hit. This is one of the first (and probably best) covers of a Neil Young song.